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Shaping overseas partnerships, strategies and investment in humanitarian and enviornmental affairs

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15 Years of experience

Professional Bio:

Robert is a global economic, environmental, and humanitarian policy leader with extensive experience navigating the complexities of international geopolitics and multi-stakeholder collaboration to address some of the world's most pressing challenges. He has a proven track record of success in designing and implementing strategic programs across diverse cultural and political contexts, including in Zambia, Tanzania, Mozambique, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Vietnam, and the Philippines.

As a diplomat and donor with USAID, Robert has led high-impact initiatives that integrate policy innovation with actionable, on-the-ground solutions. He has worked across governmental, multilateral, and private-sector partners to drive measurable results. His areas of expertise span climate change, biodiversity conservation, tourism, private sector engagement, humanitarian response, and community development —often in fragile or politically sensitive regions.

Skills & Expertise:

Project Management, Grants Management Policy Development, Humanitarian Assistance, Stakeholder Engagement, Private Sector Engagement, Strategic Planning

Sectors of Work:

International Development, Public Health, Economic Growth, Diplomacy & Foreign Affairs, Emergency Relief, Climate & Environment

Languages Spoken:

English, French, Portuguese

Robert excels at developing visionary strategies and leading teams to translate those strategies into practical frameworks that deliver transformative outcomes. He brings extensive experience in managing the complexities of international partnerships and balancing the intersecting priorities of diverse stakeholders. In senior leadership roles, Robert is driven by a deep commitment to sustainability, self-reliance, and resilience for households, communities, organizations, and countries.

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